

Mr. Wragge sends a quantity of seed of the nikau palm from New Zealand (*Rhopalostylis sapida*, No. 47878), which, it is noted, stands grass fires well and therefore ought to be adapted for naturalization in southern Florida, where the species grows well. Mr. Wragge also sends in seeds of the puriri (*Vitex lucens*, No. 47881), a valuable timber tree from the North Island, where it is known as the "New Zealand oak" because of the strength and durability of its wood.

Dr. Trabut sends from Algeria seeds of a good pasture grass (*Oryzopsis miliacea*, No. 47898) growing on saline soils.

S. P. I. No. 47899 records the success made in Cuba by Irving L. Ward with one of our introductions, *Gonolobus edulis* (No. 35249), which bears soft green fruits that are of good quality when baked or when fried like eggplant.

Dr. Johnson sends seeds of the Guatemalan lignum-vitæ (*Guaiacum guatemalense*, No. 47900), which Wilson Popenoe says is a beautiful flowering tree remaining in bloom from late February or early March for several weeks. It has proved adapted to growth in southern Florida and will add a feature to the landscape.

Mr. Tacea, of Yucatan, sends seeds of the *Jatropha curcas* (No. 47916) with the report that, although commonly supposed to be a purgative, the nuts are eaten there commonly, even being made into confectionery. A recent careful analysis by Dr. Power of the seeds of this *Jatropha* from trees grown in Florida failed to reveal any substantial quantity of the purgative substance, and tests on animals produced negative results. If its seeds may be used as table nuts, this tree will be a valuable addition to the food plants of southern Florida, since it grows very luxuriantly there and bears abundantly.

Mr. Poynton has furnished the seeds of the kauri pine of New Zealand (*Dammara australis*, No. 47917), one of the greatest timber trees of the world and one of the most stately of all forest trees. Every effort should be made to grow it in America.

Through Anderson & Co., of Sydney, Australia, we have imported seeds of a thin-shelled variety of the macadamia or Queensland nut (*Macadamia ternifolia*, No. 47918). Since this species is fruiting well in southern Florida, a thin-shelled variety will add new interest to its possibilities.

*Citrus webberii* (No. 47919) is the name given by Wester to what he declares is the largest loose-skinned citrus fruit in the world, coming from Cotabato in the Philippine Islands.

The burakan (*Ipomoea nymphaeaefolia*, No. 47920) is, according to Wester, a most gorgeous morning-glory, producing great masses of bright-yellow flowers.

Mr. H. R. Wright, of Auckland, who has sent us some very interesting new deciduous fruit varieties, now sends in a new seedling